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July 2017 Newsletter

2017 Kansas Horse Council Foundation Scholarships



On June 12th, in Wamego, KS, fifteen new and returning college students shared \$14,000 in the Kansas Horse Council Foundation scholarships at the annual awards banquet. The Silent Auction at Equifest of Kansas is the main funding source for these scholarships, along with donations from the Weary Family Foundation and the Kansas Horse Council.

Since the Scholarship Program began, the Foundation has awarded \$108,000 in Scholarships.

This year Dr. Elizabeth Davis, Head of Clinical Sciences at the KSU College of Vet Medicine and KHC Board Member, presented the awards to this outstanding group of students as follows: Bailey Pyle of Westmoreland; Raegan Rast of Stilwell; Jacob Grinstead of Hutchinson; MaRyka Smith of Hoyt ; Grace Thiel of Easton; Samantha Guy of Walnut; Kenna Hoffman of Bonner Springs; Natalie Vesta of Clay Center; Taylor Wolken of Lawrence; Alyssa Botkin of Topeka; Rachael Peterson of Leonardville; Allyson Dorrell of Olathe; Sidney Murray of Topeka; Katrina Bork of Topeka; Taylor Brown of Topeka.



Back Row, Left to Right: Jacob Grinstead, Katrina Bork, Natalie Vesta, Grace Thiel, Bailey Pyle, Rachael Peterson

Front Row, Left to Right: Taylor Brown, Kenna Hoffman, MaRyka Smith, Sidney Murray

Legislative Updates

The American Horse Council Survey



The American Horse Council Foundation is conducting a 2017 National Equine Economic Impact Study.

This survey is designed to capture the impact of individual horse owners (whether commercial or recreational) and industry suppliers of equine-related goods and services, such as equine veterinarians, trainers, breeders, lesson providers, trail guides/outfitters, retail suppliers, boarding stables, and farm managers. The results of this survey will be used by the American Horse Council to promote the economic benefits of the horse industry to policy makers.

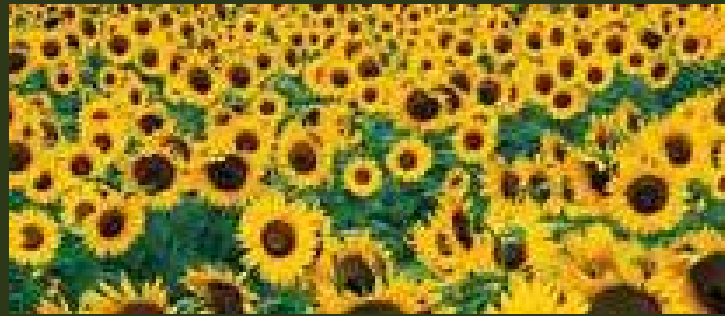
As an active contributor to the equine industry, you may have received a survey invitation from multiple sources. We require only one response from each household. However, if different members of a household manage different horse-related activities, more than one response per household is acceptable.

This survey will be asking for detailed information regarding horse-related revenues, expenses and employment. Please note that all responses are completely anonymous and confidential.

Depending upon the level of your involvement within the industry, the survey should take approximately 15-30 minutes to complete. However, if you need to exit the survey prior to

completion, you may return using the same browser window for up to one week later.

[Open Survey Invitation](#)



AGRI-TOURISM KANSAS

There's A NEW ACT IN TOWN...The Kansas Department of Labor's Amusement Act effective July 1st. The Kansas Amusement Ride Act states that no amusement ride shall be operated in Kansas unless a valid permit for such ride has been issued by the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) and the owner of the ride has registered with KDOL as an amusement ride owner.

Laws and Regulations:

K.S.A. 44-1601, et seq

K.A.R. 49-55-1, et seq

Who does this affect? If you have an agri-tourism business and you offer wagon rides, if the carriage/wagon is pulled by a tractor, this is pertinent to you. If you operate a horse-drawn vehicle, then this is not for you. If you have any amusement extras at your location, you may want to read more about this! Check it out at Kansas Department of Labor...Kansas Amusement Ride Act Permit Program.

Don't have an agri-tourism business but you are thinking about starting one? Check out what to do at:

[Visit Travel KS](#)

For agri-tourism operations to be covered by the limited liability afforded in Senate Bill 334, you must first be registered as an agri-tourism business (See above link) and you must comply with ALL of the following: You must provide your own signage, it must be prominently posted at each agri-tourism location, and the sign must comply with verbiage and size requirements.

Need a Liability Sign? (K.S.A 60-4001 through 60-4004) Get yours today, either online, by mail or by phone.

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- Operation Free★Ride is for all ages, all riding levels. It's for the entire family!
- Be prepared to drive 30 to 45 minutes; most horseback riding facilities are in rural areas!
- Follow the rules set forth by your host facility.
- Hooked? Want to learn more about riding? Contact your host facility or Horses4Heroes!
- Enjoy your ride and have fun!



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"There's nothing ... no bad day, no hurt feelings, no broken heart, that a ride on your horse can't cure. When riding, there's no one in the world except you and your horse. Treasure the time spent in the saddle; it is the one precious place where all the world is right. There is no hate, no crime, no pain, no war, no death. It is the one time when you are completely free. Cherish that time and hope that feeling lasts forever." ~ Author Unknown

Who Benefits? Active duty military personnel, returning combat veterans, wounded warriors and their families including civic first responders. And you do too when you register your facility to participate in this program! Find out more at Horses4Heroes.



News from Mission Valley Hunt Club



Mission Valley Hunt has 8 adorable fox hound puppies this summer, 2 boys and 6 girls! They are currently being fostered by members to acclimate them to collars, leashes, a few basic commands and of course, a lot of love and spoiling! Later in July a Puppy Preakness Party will held to show off the puppies' new skills and allow members to bid on their naming rights. As is customary, following the last litter which have names beginning with 'G', this current litter of pups will all have names beginning with the letter 'H'.

Great Plains Summer Hunt Seminar is August 5, 2017 in Kansas City. World renown speakers and Round Table Discussion with Q & A will be part of the day's activities. This event is for the novice as well as the experienced fox hunter!

MVH will host a Fox Hunting Clinic Saturday, August 26. This is another great opportunity to learn about the sport of following the hounds.

Hunter Trials will happen September 9 and is open to members from other Hunts as well as those interested in the sport of fox hunting. Prizes, trophies and ribbons are awarded.

MVH Youth Hunt will take place on Sunday, October 1. With many young members in MVH this is sure to be a popular day allowing the youth to experience some leadership roles.

Formal Opening Hunt with a party and auction to follow is planned for Saturday, October 28.

Please check out our website for more details! www.missionvalleyhunt.com or contact the MVH Secretary at 913-897-2250.

EquiFest of Kansas 2018

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Kansas Expocentre, Topeka

Kansas' All Breed Horse Fair and Exposition Featuring:

~ BOBBY KERR ~



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~ PAUL HUMPHREY ~

Paul Humphrey

A collage of four images related to Paul Humphrey. Top left: A logo for 'Paul Humphrey Breaking The Mold' featuring a stylized horse head. Top right: Paul Humphrey riding a light-colored horse. Middle: Paul Humphrey riding a dark horse in a rodeo arena, with a banner in the background that reads 'BELIEVE IN YOURSELF CONSISTENCY WINS FOR ARE READY FOR ARE READY BACK TO YOUR SPOT'. Bottom left: Paul Humphrey standing in a rodeo arena, holding a camera.

www.BreakingTheMoldWithPaul.com

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~ Brad Lund ~



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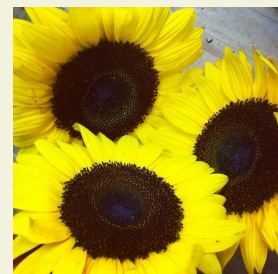
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